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The reply filed on 21 March 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the requirement on page 4 of the last Office action to identify the prior inventor of the conflicting subject matter has not been complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicants are advised that this requirement is still pertinent because a rejection under 35 USC 102(f) could still be lodged against the instant claims, even though the copending application has been abandoned. Such a rejection would be proper if it is determined that the inventors of the conflicting subject matter are different from those identified as inventors of the instant invention. Applicants are also advised that the copending application, now abandoned, was published as US Patent Application Publication 2004/0152002. The previously made requirement is still proper noting MPEP 804, Chart III-A.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher RoDee whose telephone number is 571-272-1388. The examiner can normally be reached on most weekdays from 6:00 to 4:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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